

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 19 to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 – 5 and 19 - 21 are presented for examination.

In paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marmor, U.S. Patent No. 6,601,108 (“Marmor”) in view of Sato, U.S. Patent No. 6,055,530 (“Sato”).

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 3 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marmor in view of Sato, and further in view of LeMole et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,009,410 (“LeMole”).

Marmor describes an automatic conversion system for processing multi-lingual inputs and outputs, so as to enable interoperability between computers that do not have the necessary multi-lingual capabilities. As indicated by the Examiner, Marmor describes converting text data to image data, when a client computer does not support the required fonts (Marmor / col. 5, lines 3 – 17).

Sato describes a document information management system for scanning paper documents and extracting keywords therefrom. Sato describes generating an image file from a paper document, and applying optical character recognition to the image file to extract text therefrom. Thus Sato produces an image file and a corresponding text file from the paper document. Sato then prepares an indexing system for the image files, keyed on text from the corresponding text files, in order to efficiently search and retrieve desired image files (Sato / col. 3, lines 51 – 55; col. 4, line 49 – col. 5, line 2).

LeMole describes generating customized advertising web pages for a user, based on the user’s profile and previous web pages that the user has browsed. The customized advertising web page pulls images and banners from an advertising database that stores content from a plurality of advertisers, and includes hyperlinks that enable the user to directly access an advertiser’s web site (LeMole / col. 2, lines 13 - 46).

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has responded to arguments that applicant raised on page 6 of applicant's Amendment and Response to Office Action filed on June 11, 2004. Specifically, applicant pointed out that "... neither Marmor, Sato nor LeMole describe conditionally converting requested text-editable data into non-text editable data, depending on where the text-editable data is stored." This feature of conditional conversion is of relevance to data security, as with the methods and systems of the present invention. As neither Marmor, Sato nor LeMole are data security inventions, they do not describe or need such conditional conversion.

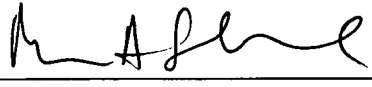
On Page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner, in addressing claims 1 and 19, has indicated that "*Marmor does not explicitly disclose 'determining whether said text-editable data is stored in a first storage area of said server that is inaccessible to said computer terminal or in a second storage area of said server that is accessible to said computer terminal'.*" The Examiner, in citing FIG. 3 of Sato, indicates that the text files of Sato stored in the database 30c correspond to the first storage area (inaccessible), and that the image files in the hard disk 30d or the hierarchical storage 32 correspond to the second storage area (accessible). As such, applicant respectfully submits that Sato does not disclose "*determining whether ... text-editable data is stored in a first storage area ... or in a second storage area ...*" Indeed, such determination is not relevant to Sato, since all text data is stored in Sato's first storage area.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's response does not address conditional conversion, and that applicant's argument is a valid distinction of the present claims over the Marmor, Sato and LeMole, taken individually or in combination.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

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